

# *Greenways and Trails TIDBITS*

May 2008 Edition

## **American Hiking Society <http://www.americanhiking.org/> 16<sup>th</sup> Annual National Trails Day!**

**Be sure to put June 7, 2008** on your calendar and start today planning for **YOUR 2008 National Trails Day event!** Anyone can set up a NTD event, just contact your local park and talk to them about sponsoring an event!

**Currently, Tennessee has 10 events scheduled at the National Trails Day website. The Greenways and Trails Program has a GOAL of 50 events for 2008. In 2007, there were 33 events across the state with over 1,000 participants!**

**Go to the NTD website: <http://www.americanhiking.org/NTD.aspx> to REGISTER your 2008 event or to find ALL the events happening in Tennessee.**

## **Metro Nashville Greenway Program <http://www.nashville.gov/greenways/>**

Mayor Karl Dean dedicated the newly completed bicycle and pedestrian bridge over the Cumberland River on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Hundreds of people gathered to walk or bike over the bridge. The new bridge is 80 feet over the Cumberland River and connects the Shelby Bottoms Greenway trails with the Stones River system.

Go to: <http://www.nashville.gov/greenways/locations/cropening.htm> to see the Photos.

## **Cumberland Trail Conference (CTC) <http://www.cumberlandtrail.org/>**

**The CTC had a GREAT spring with 17 colleges and universities participating in the Breakway program. Over 200 people participated in trail building or supporting the volunteers and they built 4 miles of trail!**

**The CTC is now into the BIG DIG!! Focusing on the Smoky Mountain section of the CT, the volunteer trail crews are working to connect the trail from Cove Lake State Park to Frozen Head State Natural Area.**

**For Information on the rock harvesting on the southern portion of the Cumberland Trail, go to [www.rockmining.blogspot.com](http://www.rockmining.blogspot.com) .**

## **Rhino Marking and Protection Systems <http://www.rhinomarkers.com>**

**Do you need trail signs or markers for your greenway or trail system? Rhino has a proven system with a variety of markers to meet your needs.**

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## **Tennessee Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Services Division**

GIS Services has a new map website of Tennessee that is now available to the public.

Go to: <http://tnmap.state.tn.us/viewer/map.aspx> to check this site out.

## **Outdoor Chattanooga [www.outdoorchattanooga.com](http://www.outdoorchattanooga.com)**

If you are wondering what there is to do down in the Chattanooga area, check out this website!! You name it, it's probably done in the Chattanooga area.

To sign up for a biweekly enewsletter, contact [ruth@outdoorchattanooga.com](mailto:ruth@outdoorchattanooga.com) or call 423-643-6889.

**Need a small dozer to help build your trails?** Contact Sutter Equipment Company at 415-898-5955 and ask for John. The Sweco 480 Trail Dozer has a 48" track and 6 way blade and can build 1,000 feet of trail per hour with a good operator. Sutter Equipment Company has been selling the Sweco since the early 1990's and hundreds of miles of trail have been build with this machine since that time.

## **American Trails <http://www.americantrails.org/resources/accessible/index.html>**

Do you need information about accessible trail design and to find out whether your trail meets the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) specifications? This is the website that has the answers to your questions. Go to: <http://www.access-board.gov/po1.cfm> to print out copies of the technical guidelines for ADA compliance for different facilities.

You can also find information about accessible trails at the American Trails website. Go to: <http://www.americantrails.org/resources/accessible/NPRMnews6-07.html> .

TDEC-RES Greenways and Trails Program has published a technical bulletin on guidelines for ADA Accessible trails. Go to <http://state.tn.us/environment/recreation/greentrails.shtml> , first item in the Helpful Links Column. Remember that trail design specifications for transportation related bicycle and pedestrian paths are different from front country/backcountry recreation trails.

## **Trust for Public Lands,**

[http://www.tpl.org/tier3\\_cd.cfm?content\\_item\\_id=21968&folder\\_id=3409](http://www.tpl.org/tier3_cd.cfm?content_item_id=21968&folder_id=3409)

See the article on Richard Louv, about his book *Last Child in the Woods, Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*.

## **Want to see how much FUN Greenway volunteers have?**

Go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8vm8f1mYcko> to see the Kingsport Greenbelt cleanup. Type in Kingsport Greenbelt Cleanup in the search line to find the video.

Go to: <http://ci.kingsport.tn.us/?CONTEXT=cat&cat=13&BISKIT=4164623997>

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for a virtual tour of the Kingsport Greenbelt.

## **2008 Calendar of Greenways and Trails Events**

<b>National Trails Day</b>	<b>June 7, 2008</b>	<b>Statewide events</b>
<b>IMBA World Summit 2008</b>	<b>June 18-21, 2008</b>	<b>Park City, UT</b>
<b>Bicycle Ride Across Tennessee (BRAT)</b>	<b>September 14-20, 2008</b>	<b>Upper East Tennessee</b>
<b>Governor's Land &amp; Water Forum IV</b>	<b>October, 2008</b>	<b>At a State Park</b>
<b>Southern Appalachian Greenway Alliance Conference – Building Healthy and Wealthy Communities</b>	<b>October 24-25, 2008</b>	<b>Abingdon, VA</b>
<b>National Trails Symposium</b>	<b>November 15-18, 2008</b>	<b>Little Rock, AR</b>
<b>TRPA Annual Conference</b>	<b>November 17-21, 2008</b>	<b>Memphis, TN</b>

Please send your event information to Bob Richards as soon as you are aware of the date for inclusion in the Greenways and Trails TIDBITS newsletter as space permits. This newsletter is produced bimonthly, or when there is enough information to distribute.

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